

**Town of Milton
Historic Preservation Commission
Milton Public Library
July 10, 2008**

Members Present:

Brenda Burns	Richard Greig	Michael Ostinato
Gwen Foehner	Sally Harkins	

Members Absent:

Jack Vessels	Amy Kratz
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Others Present:

Robin Davis

Brenda Burns called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Brenda Burns: Does anyone want to make any corrections or additions to the agenda?

Sally Harkins: I make a motion to approve the agenda.

Michael Ostinato: Second.

Brenda Burns: So moved.

Approval of Minutes – June 5, 2008

Brenda Burns: I just received a copy of the minutes today. I was not at the last meeting. Would anybody like to make a motion to approve the minutes or any additions or corrections?

Michael Ostinato: I make a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting.

Sally Harkins: Second.

Brenda Burns: So moved. The minutes from the last meeting are approved. All in favor – “Aye”.

Business

The applicant, Andrew Asbury, is requesting approval for exterior renovations to his front porch at 117 Federal Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel # 2-35-20.07-89.00.

Brenda Burns: Is Mr. Asbury here? Would you like to say anything Mr. Asbury? We did receive a packet and it looks like you’ve already removed the knotty pine on the interior.

Andrew Asbury: Yes, I did. It was kind of thin paneling and I wanted to see what was behind it. Fortunately it’s the original cedar siding.

Brenda Burns: We have a picture of the house, the way it exists currently and I see you have added some photographs here of ideas, you have several though.

Andrew Asbury: Yes, it's quite a blend. I guess I was hoping to give the general impression of the kind of look I was going after, which was basically get back to more dated to the house time period and just open up the front porch, take off the jalesse windows, the vinyl siding, open it back up to the air. The original roof and asphalt shingles are going to stay. The brick work and steps going up to it are going to stay, so structurally it's not going to change.

Brenda Burns: So you're going to keep the existing roof on that porch.

Andrew Asbury: The roof is not going to change and pretty much the foundation is not going to change. When I ripped up the subflooring, the original wood floor was there too and it looks in very nice condition. I just wanted to take it back to something that looks more sensible with the house.

Brenda Burns: What sort of columns or posts are you intending to use?

Andrew Asbury: I kind of went back and forth and I decided with the house, I don't know what style you really consider the house, it was Victorian when I bought it but I don't consider it Victorian style. It's not really Colonial so I kind of wanted to keep it fairly streamlined and simple, something square post with two in the corner and two cut in the middle, so you have four posts along the front and two sections of railing system.

Michael Ostinato: So like this first...

Andrew Asbury: The top left corner would be the post probably, very simple, streamlined, square. I guess those do have...

Brenda Burns: They are actually fluted. Those are the old farmhouse type.

Andrew Asbury: The back of Town Hall is the picture with the exact railing system and look that I was going to go for. I've seen that system for sale and something almost identical to that. So that's pretty much the prime thing. I railing like that is actually a composite, I'm not sure what the technical team is for that.

Gwen Foehner: It's going to be open like this and not screened.

Andrew Asbury: No, no screens.

Gwen Foehner: Just an open porch.

Andrew Asbury: Just an open, basic simple porch.

Brenda Burns: Does anybody else have any questions for Mr. Asbury?

Richard Greig: The railing, what will it be made of?

Andrew Asbury: Well I guess that's the term I don't know. I call it plastic but it's that composite, PVC.

Brenda Burns: Vinyl.

Robin Davis: It's some sort of vinyl PVC material.

Andrew Asbury: I just painted the house last week and I've learned how long it took me to paint and scrape. Originally, I was thinking along the lines of wood and my parents were like, you don't want to do wood. Now that I spent an entire 12 hours a day for 9 days in a row, I realized composite was the way to go.

Brenda Burns: Would anybody like to make a motion to approve Mr. Asbury's request?

Gwen Foehner: I would like to make a motion to approve Mr. Asbury's request.

Sally Harkins: I second.

Brenda Burns: Okay, we'll do a roll call vote.

Michael Ostinato:	Approve
Sally Harkins:	Approve
Brenda Burns:	Approve
Gwen Foehner:	Approve
Richard Greig:	Approve

Andrew Asbury: Do you have recommendations...

Brenda Burns: I know that originally I looked at this house quite extensively. I was in it many, many times. Originally we decided that this house, you know this peak on the roof, originally the house came down like this. That was actually added on to make it more a second story. It would be nice if you could do something to duplicate some of the porches that are in the town with some of the gingerbread.

Andrew Asbury: I guess that would be my next question. If I went with this baseline simple, how much flexibility do I have if I wanted to put a little bit of scrollwork. Is that something else I need to do?

Brenda Burns: That's something you don't need approval for. We've given you approval.

Andrew Asbury: A little bit of trim or moulding up there...

Brenda Burns: Be as creative as you possibly can.

The applicants, Friends of the Milton Public Library, are requesting approval for a sign at 121 Union Street further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel # 2-35-14.19-183.00.

Brenda Burns: Mary Catherine are you representing the... Denny.

Denny Hughes: I'm president of the Friends of the Milton Public Library. The friends group is a (unintelligible) for the library. What money we raise or make, we put back into the library. When they built the new addition on, the friends raised \$400,000 and was matched by \$400,000 from the state. At that time, we asked for some kind of location, we didn't have an office. The front of the old library is an office and gift shop so it will be separate from the library and come and go without interfering with the library. A lot of people don't know about us and we do have some items that we sell. As you came in, you should have noticed the bricks. We sold the bricks to raise money. Like I said, every bit of the money we earn goes back to the library. What we would like to do, there is a picture of the sign, up in the left hand corner is our logo. It's a book with a ship and Friends of the Library. It's going to be the new foam type sign. We would like to put it out so people know we are there. Usually when we sold stuff during events in town, we had to go outside or somewhere. Now we have our own little design place. We thought it would nice if we could get a sign out there...

Brenda Burns: Let me ask you a question Denny. It says that this is 48" and you've got an overhang over the door. Would it project beyond the overhang? This overhang in the front.

Denny Hughes: No, it will be within....

Brenda Burns: It will be two sided and it's going to hang like this.

Denny Hughes: What it is, I just drew it up, this is the door and two windows and all this front is like a foam concrete which you can't put anything to. Above that is a batter

board, so we're probably going to put a bracket up here or we are going to put a bracket up here and it will come out and the sign will hang within that. The sign will not be more than 48 but it could be 43 or 44.

Brenda Burns: Just so it doesn't project beyond that roof.

Robin Davis: I think that overhang out there is probably 6' at least.

Denny Hughes: Yes, Robin and I were looking, there's probably going to be 9' in the air. So it will be high enough so it will not interfere with anything.

Brenda Burns: Can I have a suggestion? It's a nice looking sign but since you have all this green trim, would you consider doing the lettering in the green?

Denny Hughes: We could.

Brenda Burns: I just think it would look nicer. It would go with your building. This brown, I don't know if it's even going to show up as well. I did say it was a suggestion.

Denny Hughes: We have a meeting on Wednesday. I will bring that up.

Brenda Burns: That's a suggestion on my part. I think it would look better and probably give you a little more attention. Would anyone like to make a motion?

Sally Harkins: I would like to make a motion for the approval of the sign at 121 Union Street.

Richard Greig: Second.

Brenda Burns: Okay, we're going to do a roll call vote.

Michael Ostinato:	Approve
Sally Harkins:	Approve
Brenda Burns:	Approve
Gwen Foehner:	Approve
Richard Greig:	Approve

Denny Hughes: I wasn't at the last meeting because I was out of town. This is what the members picked. I will bring that up to them. It will either be this or that.

Brenda Burns: That's great. Thank you very much.

The applicant, Goshen United Methodist Church, is requesting approval to replace the existing sign at 116 Union Street (Goshen Hall) further identified by Sussex County Tax Map and Parcel # 2-35-20.07-66.00.

Brenda Burns: Is there anyone here representing the Goshen Hall?

Ed Springer: We plan to replace that existing sign with a new one. Rogers Sign Company is going to make the sign and install it.

Brenda Burns: We have a drawing of what the sign will look like with all of the dimensions. 96" is your overall. Have you checked as far as...

Robin Davis: Yes, I talked to Mr. Springer. Originally the sign they had was a little wider, it was 50 some inches, which exceeded 32 square feet that a billboard sign that a church and non-profit organization could have. So they went back and reworked it to make it fit within the 32 square feet.

Brenda Burns: Does anyone have any questions? Considering what you have there, it's a huge improvement. Would anyone like to make a motion to approve?

Sally Harkins: I make a motion to approve.

Richard Greig: Second.

Brenda Burns: We'll do a roll call vote.

Michael Ostinato:	Approve
Sally Harkins:	Approve
Brenda Burns:	Approve
Gwen Foehner:	Approve
Richard Greig:	Approve

Brenda Burns: So approved.

Discussion and possible vote on change of dates for future meetings

Brenda Burns: I have a conflict personally because I am working on Thursday evening and I would like very much to change the meeting to either a Monday or a Tuesday evening. If anyone would like to make any suggestions or comments.

Michael Ostinato: Tuesday.

Brenda Burns: Tuesday is better than Monday, you think? We can't do it the first Monday because that's the Council meeting.

Michael Ostinato: Right.

Robin Davis: We can't do it the third or fourth Tuesday because that's Board of Adjustments and Planning & Zoning.

Michael Ostinato: So, the second Tuesday.

Brenda Burns: So the second Tuesday of the month. Would that work for everyone?

Michael Ostinato: I think that if people are away, I don't come back until Monday night.

Brenda Burns: Okay. I think that's fine. Second Tuesday of the month.

Robin Davis: I don't think there is anything that is normally scheduled the second Tuesday. We can not start this in September.

Brenda Burns: No, August.

Robin Davis: We already have two items that are going to be on the August 7th agenda. The next meeting that we have will be the same Thursday. August 7th is our meeting. I had two items that missed the timeframe for making this meeting and they already have scheduled people to come in on that time. So if we do change it, we'll have to change it in September.

Brenda Burns: May I have a motion saying our meeting time is going to change to the second Tuesday on the month starting September 2008?

Gwen Foehner: I make a motion that our meeting time changes to the second Tuesday of the month starting in September.

Michael Ostinato: Second.

Brenda Burns: Roll call vote.

Michael Ostinato:	Agrees
Sally Harkins:	Agrees
Brenda Burns:	Agrees
Gwen Foehner:	Agrees
Richard Greig:	Agrees

Brenda Burns: Thank you very much.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.